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SUBJECT: APRIL BUDGET PERFORMANCE

REF: KINSHASA A-78

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED, AGAIN THROUGH UNOFFICIAL SOURCES,
FOLLOWING DATA ON GOZ'S BUDGET PERFORMANCE IN APRIL.
FIRST QUARTER DATES REPORTED REFAIR ALSO SHOWN FOR
EASY REFERENCE. RANGE OF NEW PROJECTIONS TO END
1975 IS OUR HANDIWORK. ALL IN MILLIONS OF ZAIRES.

1ST QU. APRIL JAN-APR.TOTAL PROJECTIONS TO END75
LOW MEDIUM HIGH

OPERATING

EXPENDITURES 133 41.75 174.75 501 524 531

CAPITAL

EXPENDITURES 22 5.4 27.4 62 82 88

ORDINARY

RECEIPTS 120.6 42 162.6 400 450 504

DEFICIT 34.4 5.1 39.5 59 156 220

2. APRIL BUDGET PERFORMANCE WAS VERY GOOD, ON THE SURFACE.
SPENDING WAS DOWN AND RECEIPTS WERE UP FROM FEBRUARY AND
MARCH. INDEED, IF THE REST OF THE YEAR FOLLOWED
APRIL'S EXPERIENCE THE DEFICIT WOULD BE AT THE LOW
END OF THE SPECTRUM (LOW EXPENDIURE, HIGH RECEIPTS).
BUT APRIL RECEIPTS LEVEL CANNOT PERSIST. SOME Z20
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MILLION IN TAXES WERE COLLECTED, TWICE THE FEB-MAR

LEVEL, MAINLY DUE TO ATTACHEMENT BY GOZ OF PARA-STATAL BANK ACCOUNTS FOR FAILURE TO PAY BACK TAXES. AND THE EXPENDITURE LEVEL WAS PULLED DOWN BY THE LOW PAYMENTS ON THE PUBLIC DEBT--Z1.8 MILLION V. Z9.6 PER MONTH IN FIRST QUARTER.

3. WE STILL DO NOT BELIEVE THE DEFICIT AT THE HIGH END OF THE PROJECTED SPECTRUM TO BE LIKELY FOR REASON ADDUCED IN REFAIR. BUT EVEN MEDIUM RANGE DEFICITS OF Z156 MILLION LEAVES MINIMUM Z85 MILLION TO BE FINANCED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ABU DHABI AND IMF DRAWINGS AND ASSUMING "EXTRA COSTS" FOR 30DEC MEASURES ARE NOT INCURRED. FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEFICIT IS DIFFERENT AND WE HAVE NO LATE FIGURES WITH WHICH TO REVISE THOSE IN A-78.

4. ABOVE DATA BEING SUBMITTED BY AIRGRAM WITH FULLER BREAKOUT BY CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE.

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